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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Eric Bolda

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 29-59 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The previous restriction requirement, sent April, 11, 2006, inadvertently referred to claims which have been cancelled in a preliminary amendment; that action has been vacated. This election/restriction requirement refers to the set of new claims 29-59.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 29-43, drawn to a Raman amplifier.

Group II, claim(s) 44-58, drawn to an optical fiber.

Group III, claim(s) 59, drawn to a method of preparing a glass composition.

The inventions listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The groups do not belong to permitted combination of claims in different categories (see Annex B (Unity of Invention) Appendix A1 (Administrative Instructions under the PCT)).

2. Upon election of the invention I, II, or III to be examined, the applicant is further required under PCT Rule 13.1 to elect a single patentably distinct disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

A. Elect the first metal oxide of the optical fiber composition from: Nb, W, Ti, Ta, and Mo.

Note: *In regard to the single species election of A applicant is required to make an election of which element is the first metal oxide may not be open-ended (i.e., comprising). An open-ended election will be considered non-responsive.*

3. Upon election of the species A to be examined, the applicant is further required under PCT Rule 13.1 to elect a single patentably distinct disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

B. Elect the second metal oxide of the optical fiber composition from: Nb, W, Ti, Pb, Sb, In, Bi, Ta, Mo, Zr, Hf, Cd, Gd, La, Ba.

Note: *In regard to the single species election of B applicant is required to make an election of which element is the first metal oxide may not be open-ended (i.e., comprising). An open-ended election will be considered non-responsive.*

4. Upon election of the species B to be examined, the applicant is further required under PCT Rule 13.1 to elect a single patentably distinct disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

C. Elect the further tellurite glass composition (as listed in claim 6) metal oxide of a metal oxide from: Y, SC, Al, Ga, Ge, P, Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Be, B, Zn.

Note: *In regard to the single species election of C applicant is required to make an election of which element is the first metal oxide may not be open-ended (i.e., comprising). An open-ended election will be considered non-responsive.*

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Eric Bolda whose telephone number is 571-272-8104. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith, can be reached on 571-272-6878. Please note the fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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